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TAGS: OVIP (MCCLOSKEY, ROBERT J)

SUBJECT: H DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

1. INTELLIGENCE. THE PIKE COMMITTEE IS PREPARING TO INCLUDE IN ITS FINAL REPORT MATERIAL THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED AS "NOT RELEASABLE" BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE VOTED DOWN A MOTION TO DELETE THE MATERIALS FROM THE FINAL REPORT CLAIMING THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS APPLYING TO THE COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT. I AM MEETING WITH EAGLEBURGER AND SAUNDERS ON THE REPORT WHICH WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED.

IN THE SENATE MIKE MANSFIELD KICKED OFF RIBICOFF'S GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BY CALLING FOR A SENATE COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENTIRE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. WHILE MANSFIELD WOULD GIVE THE COMMITTEE A BROAD MANDATE, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION AUTHORITY, HE STOPPED SHORT OF SUGGESTING ABSOLUTE VETO POWER. DURING THE Q & A MANSFIELD MADE A POINT OF STATING THAT HE CONSIDERS LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN OVERSIGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE TO BE A PRIORITY ITEM AND THAT AS SOON AS

RIBICOFF'S COMMITTEE AND THE RULES COMMITTEE HAD ACTED HE WOULD PUSH FOR RAPID SENATE ACTION. RIBICOFF RESPONDED TO THIS BY STATING THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE A COMMITTEE REPORT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1. CHURCH ECHOED MOST OF MANSFIELD'S PROPOSAL GOING SOMEWHAT FARTHER IN ALLOWING THE SENATE THE POWER TO BLOCK WHAT IT MIGHT CONCEIVE OF AS ILL-ADVISED SECRET OPERATIONS.

TOWER TESTIFIED IN OPPOSITION TO A SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SAYING HE REGARDED IT AS "A SIMPLISTIC AND PREMATURE SOLUTION TO A COMPLICATED PROBLEM."

2. MEXICAN ARRESTS. FASCELL WILL RESUME OVERSIGHT HEARING NEXT TUESDAY ON MISTREATMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS IN MEXICAN JAILS. COMMITTEE STAFF HAS ADVISED US THAT WE CAN EXPECT QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR LETTER TO FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA PROTESTING THE HANDLING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS, THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH WAS SOMEHOW LEAKED TO THE PRESS AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WALENTYNOWICZ WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS, BUT ARA HAS BEEN ADVISED TO HAVE SOMEONE PRESENT TO FIELD THIS QUESTION WHEN IT IS RAISED.

3. CONCORDE. THE STAFFER FOR THE COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION TOLD US THAT SENATORS MAGNUSON AND CANNON DECIDED TODAY TO DELAY FURTHER MARKUP OF THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS DEVELOPMENT BILL UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY COLEMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CONCORDE THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. WEICKER STILL PLANS TO INTRODUCE A RIDER WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY BAN THE CONCORDE PERMANENTLY, THUS GOING BEYOND THE SIX-MONTH BAN IN THE HOUSE BILL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MAGNUSON AND CANNON ARE CONFIDENT THE RIDER CAN BE DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE. CHANCES LOOK MUCH LESS FAVORABLE IN THE LIKELY EVENT OF A FLOOR VOTE. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH DOT IN DEVELOPING STRATEGY.

4. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. WE CONTINUED OUR MEETINGS WITH THE SFRC STAFFERS TO REACH A COMPROMISE OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. WE FEEL THAT THEY HAVE NOW REACHED THE

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LIMITS OF THEIR DESIGNATED AUTHORITY AND WE STILL FIND OURSELVES WITH MAJOR AREAS OF DIFFERENCE (HUMAN RIGHTS, AGENT FEES, CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS AND FUNDING). WE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW TO DISCUSS OUR NEXT STEP.

5. 200-MILE BILL. DEBATE CONTINUED. BENTSEN OFFERED

AN AMENDMENT, TO BE VOTED ON TOMORROW, THAT WOULD PLACE

AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES PRACTICING DIS-CRIMINATORY FISHING PRACTICES AGAINST U.S. FISHING BOATS. SISCO JOINED SECRETARY MORTON AND DEPUTY SECRETARY ELLSWORTH IN SIGNING A LETTER TO SENATE LEADERSHIP URGING RECOMMITAL OF THE BILL TO SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. SPONSOR OF THE RECOMMITAL MOTION HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

6. ON JANUARY 26 DICK VINE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING THE CANADIAN-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN FLORIDA JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 2.

7. CONFIRMATIONS. THE SFRC WILL HEAR GREENWALD, HINTON, QUAINTON, ANDERSON AND ARMSTRONG ON JANUARY 26. DEPREE, FAY, HARGROVE AND RIDGWAY WILL APPEAR ON THE 30TH.

8. CONGRESSIONAL DEBRIEFING - FRANK VALEO. SPIKE DUBBS MET WITH SECRETARY OF THE SENATE FRANK VALEO TO DISCUSS HIS TRIP TO INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. THE SESSION WAS IN KEEPING WITH OUR RENEWED EFFORTS TO DEBRIEF ALL CONGRESSIONAL TRAVELERS. VALEO WAS CLEARLY PLEASED WITH THE MEETING AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

9. ANGOLA. AS YOU KNOW AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERCESSION WITH ALBERT, THE HOUSE POSTPONED FLOOR ACTION ON THE DOD APPROPRIATIONS BILL WITH THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY THE 27TH. AS PART OF THIS SCENARIO, YOU APPARENTLY WILL BE ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY MORNING THE 26TH. THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF IS CONSIDERING A CONFIDENTIAL

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION WITH THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE, OR PERHAPS BROADEN IT TO INCLUDE DEMOCRATS, WHICH COULD BE ADDRESSED BY SISCO.

MEANWHILE, CONGRESSMAN BOWEN HAS RETURNED FROM MEETING WITH KAUNDA AND OTHER PRO-WESTERN AFRICAN LEADERS AND IS ATTEMPTING TO GET HIS OWN CAMPAIGN STARTED ON BEHALF OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE FNLA AND UNITA. AF IS WORKING ON AN UNCLASSIFIED STATEMENT AND DRAFT SPEECHES TO BE USED BY HIM AND OTHER SUPPORTERS ON THE FLOOR.

BILL SHAUFELE AND I MET WITH 24 MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STUDY GROUP TONIGHT IN AN OFF-THE-RECORD

SESSION. THEY WERE LARGELY CRITICAL AND CHARGED THAT OUR PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WAS PURELY AN ANTI-SOVIET POLICY FOR WHICH WE SHOULD USE OTHER POINTS OF PRESSURE ON MOSCOW - E.G., GRAIN SALES.

DOC MORGAN HAS REQUESTED THAT SCHAUFELD APPEAR IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE THE HIRC ON MONDAY SO THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR OUR POSITION BEFORE VOTING ON TUNNEY AMENDMENT TUESDAY.

WE CONTINUE TO BE MODERATELY ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS THAT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES ARE NOT AS FROZEN IN OPPOSITION AS WE HAD BEEN TOLD WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR FRIENDS ARE STILL ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN WARNING THAT THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT WILL PASS IF IT WERE VOTED UP OR DOWN TODAY. SISCO

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